

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) An aqueous effervescent liquid cleaning composition which upon contact with water provides effervescent action, and which comprises at least 5%wt of a surfactant and a dissolved gas in a sufficient amount to provide the effervescent action, said gas being present in the composition at a concentration of from 0.001 to 5% by weight and having a higher solubility in an aqueous surfactant-containing composition than in water.

Claim 2 (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition is maintained in a non-pressurized container.

Claim 3 (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the dissolved gas is an inorganic gas selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen and noble gases.

Claim 4 (Original) A composition according to claim 3, wherein the dissolved gas is selected from nitrogen and carbon dioxide.

Claim 5 (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the dissolved gas is an organic gas selected from C₁-C₄ lower hydrocarbons.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any of~~ claim 1, wherein the dissolved gas is present at a concentration of from 0.1 to 3% by weight.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any of~~ claim 1, wherein the surfactant is present at a concentration of from 5 to 70% by weight.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any of~~ claim 1, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of nonionic, anionic, zwitterionic, and cationic surfactants and combinations thereof.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any of~~ claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a builder.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any of~~ claim 1, being an isotropic or structured liquid detergent composition.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any of~~ claim 1, wherein the composition is a liquid detergent composition for use in fabric washing.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) Process for cleaning articles, whereby an effervescent action is provided by employing an aqueous effervescent liquid cleaning composition according to ~~any of~~ claim 1.

Claim 13 (Original) Process according to claim 12, wherein the process is a fabric washing process.